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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JEONG ET AL.

Examiner

Christine T. Tu

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-32 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 (is cancelled) is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 31 and 32 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-18 and 21-30 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Objections

1. Applicant is advised that should claim 9 be found allowable, claim 10 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim.

See MPEP § 706.03(k).

2. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 6:

It is not clear why the stored data and the expected data has to be compared twice due to the fact that phrase of "the fail bit detecting circuit is adapted to compare" at lines 3-4 is recited and the comparator's limitation is recited at lines 4-5 in claim

- 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

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3. Claims 1-4, 6-18 and 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raad et al. (6,243,840 and Raad hereinafter) in view of Hill et al (6,141,779 and Hill hereinafter).

Claims 1-4, 6-18 and 21-26:

The rationale for rejecting these claims is again the same as it was set forth in paragraph 4 of the previous office action which was mailed on August 11, 2004.

4. Claims 27 – 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raad et al. (6,243,840 and Raad hereinafter) in view of Hill et al. (6,141,779 and Hill hereinafter) and Beffa et al. (6,032,264 and Beffa hereinafter).

Claims 27-30:

The rationale for rejecting these claims is again the same as it was set forth in paragraph 5 of the previous office action which was mailed on August 11, 2004.

5. Applicant's arguments filed November 15, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that a failure would not be determined by any timing issue. In other words, applicant states that claims 1, 8, 21 and 27 teaches away from simply comparing data contents without needing to consider timing issues. However, applicant's arguments are not persuasive because the word "comprising" is recited in the claims. Such a term "comprising" leaves the recited material open for the inclusion of unspecified elements.

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Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-20, 22-26 and 28-30 are still rejected base on the reasons above.


6. Claims 19-20 are objected to as being depend upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claims 31 and 32 are allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine T. Tu whose telephone number is (571)272-3831. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur. 8:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571)272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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